

20 Nov; 2024; Current Affairs

National News

1. ALT EFF 2024 Film Festival Returns to Mumbai to Ignite Climate Conversations



The All Living Things Environmental Film Festival (ALT EFF) will be held in Mumbai from November 22 to December 8, 2024, at Liberty Cinema. Since 2020, it has promoted environmental storytelling and climate change awareness. The 2024 edition includes screenings in over 70 cities, fostering a broad dialogue on sustainability.

2. UN Lists Chhattisgarh's Bastar Village as Tourism Destination



Dhudmaras, a village in Chhattisgarh's Bastar district, has been selected by the UNWTO for its Best Tourism Village Upgrade programme. This initiative focuses on sustainable tourism development, enhancing infrastructure, and preserving cultural heritage. It aims to improve the quality of life for residents while boosting tourism.

International News

3. Brazil Officially Hands Over G20 Presidency to South Africa



During the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil transferred the G20 presidency to South Africa. This marks a milestone as South Africa becomes the first African nation to lead the G20. The presidency focuses on global economic growth, climate action, and inclusive development.

State News

4. Karnataka to Set Up 3 Global Innovation Districts to Boost GCC Growth



Karnataka announced the creation of Global Innovation Districts in Bengaluru, Mysuru, and Belagavi to support Global Capability Centres (GCCs). These districts aim to drive research, development, and technology innovation. The initiative is part of India's first dedicated GCC policy launched at the 27th Bengaluru Tech Summit.

Defence News

5. Indian Army Completes 'Sanyukt Vimochan 2024' A Key Disaster Relief Exercise



The Indian Army successfully conducted the Sanyukt Vimochan 2024 exercise in Gujarat on November 18-19, 2024. It focused on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, involving various national and international agencies. The exercise demonstrated India's preparedness and collaborative efforts in disaster response.

Economy News

6. India's Unemployment Rate Drops to 6.4% in Q2



India's urban unemployment rate declined to 6.4% in the July-September 2024 quarter. This marks the lowest rate in recent years, reflecting positive trends in urban job creation. The improvement showcases progress in employment opportunities and labor market participation.

7. Morgan Stanley Cuts India's FY25 Growth Forecast to 6.7%



Morgan Stanley reduced India's FY25 growth forecast from 7% to 6.7% due to weaker-than-expected economic data. However, growth is expected to rebound to 6.7%-6.8% in the latter half of FY25, driven by government spending and agricultural performance.

Summits and Conferences News

8. Global Hunger and Poverty Alliance Launched By Brazil's President Lula



Brazil's President Lula launched the Global Hunger and Poverty Alliance during the G20 Summit. With 148 founding members, the initiative seeks to eradicate hunger and poverty by 2030 through international collaboration and resource mobilization.

Banking News

9. SBI Horniman Circle Marks 100 Years of Legacy



The SBI Horniman Circle branch celebrated its centenary with the release of a ₹100 commemorative coin. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the coin, highlighting SBI's growth from 100 branches in 1920 to over 22,640 today.

Awards News

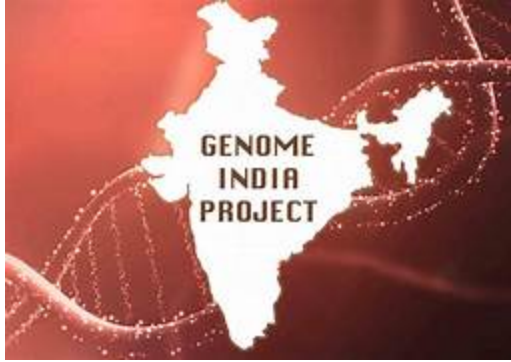
10. Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2023: Honoring Daniel Barenboim and Ali Abu Awwad



Daniel Barenboim, a pianist, and Ali Abu Awwad, a peace activist, received the 2023 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize. They were recognized for their efforts to promote peace, non-violence, and development.

Schemes News

11. 'One Day One Genome' Initiative Unveiled to Unlock India's Microbial Potential



The Department of Biotechnology launched the 'One Day One Genome' initiative to map India's microbial wealth. This project focuses on genome sequencing to explore microbial benefits in agriculture, health, and the environment.

Important Days News

12. World Children's Day 2024: Date, History, Significance & Theme



World Children's Day, celebrated on November 20, focuses on children's welfare and rights. The 2024 theme, "Listen to the Future," emphasizes including children's perspectives in decisions affecting them.